

Committee name	FEI Jumping Committee
Date	Please refer to 1.1.1 below (updated on 12 November 2020; see Point 2 below)
Chair	Stephan Ellenbruch

Committee Report	
Pt.	Subject
1.	REPORT OF THE FEI JUMPING COMMITTEE
	<p>1.1 Activities of the FEI Jumping Committee (JC)</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 has provided completely unanticipated challenges to all aspects of horse sport, including, of course, to the Jumping Discipline. Furthermore, the recruiting process of a potential candidate to fill the vacancy created by the departure of the FEI Director, Jumping, John Roche, early in the year was hindered because of, among other things, the varying restrictions imposed by governments. Consequently, the decision was taken to appoint an Interim Director who will remain in that position until a new Director is found.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Interim Director, Deborah Riplinger, together with all those working in the Jumping Department for their continuing support, and for the flexibility they have shown in rearranging their lives to accommodate the combined requirements of working from home while continuing to seamlessly provide the services necessary for the daily running of the Jumping Department.</p> <p>I would also like to thank the Members of the FEI Jumping Committee for their unstinting availability and continued contribution amid all the upheaval to their daily routines. The new JC Members Henrik Ankarcrona (SWE), and the new Athletes' Representative, Pedro Veniss (BRA), have integrated fully into the JC.</p> <p>On a personal note, I would like to express my gratitude to John Roche for his cooperation and support during my time both as JC Member and Chair, and wish him all the best in the future.</p>
	<p>1.1.1 FEI JC in-person meetings and conference calls</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person meetings were cancelled and replaced by online conferences; numerous additional online conferences were held to address the many matters arising from the evolving Covid-19 situation and its impact on the sport.</p> <p>These were held on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 08, 09, 23 and 29 April 2020 - 18 May 2020 - 02, 17 and 22 June 2020 - 15 July 2020 - 05 and 25 August 2020 - 09, 23 and 28 September 2020 - 12, 13 and 19 October 2020

	<p>1.1.2 FEI Jumping Calendar Task Force</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FEI Board decided to establish discipline-related Calendar Task Forces chaired by the FEI Secretary General. The JC representatives on the Jumping Calendar Task Force are the Chair and the Athletes' Representative.</p>
	<p>1.1.3 FEI JC – Stakeholder Consultation Session</p> <p>The FEI JC invited Stakeholders and other representative bodies to a videoconference consultation session, held on 23 September 2020, to discuss both the CSI2* Invitation System in general, and the current impact of COVID-19 on this system in particular. The purpose of this consultation was to gauge their various opinions in order to take these into consideration in the future.</p>
	<p>1.1.4 Meetings with various Stakeholders</p> <p>The JC was represented at the Equestrian Organisers' (EO) GA, held virtually, by JC Member Daniela Garcia Nigaglioni (MEX).</p> <p>In order to sustain and build on the good working relationship with other Stakeholders, there were many informal telephone calls.</p>
	<p>1.2 Revision of the FEI Jumping Rules</p> <p>The JC reviewed the proposed changes submitted by various Stakeholders. The JC evaluated new proposals as well as proposals already presented in 2019 but received too late for consideration at that time.</p> <p>As there will be a full Jumping Rules revision in 2021 and in keeping with the FEI rule revision policy endorsed by the 2019 GA, the JC decided to restrict any modifications to the current Rules to urgent changes and clarifications only.</p>
	<p>1.3 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™</p> <p>Unfortunately, the global spread of COVID-19 led to the cancellation of the 2019/2020 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final in Las Vegas (USA).</p> <p>The 2020/2021 season continues to be severely affected by the pandemic, and many Leagues have either been forced to cancel entirely, or have seen a significant number of their qualifying events cancelled.</p> <p>In order to guarantee an acceptably fair qualification system for the 2021 Final, the JC has elaborated, and received approval for, the COVID-19 By-Laws for the Qualification for the 2021 Final in Gothenburg (SWE).</p> <p>As the status and effects of the pandemic continue to constantly evolve, the JC is actively monitoring developments in preparedness to react promptly if and when necessary.</p>
	<p>1.4 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™</p> <p>Unfortunately, as a result of COVID-19, it was not possible to hold many of the 2020 Longines FEI Nations Cup™ legs with the consequence that the overall qualification system was thrown into disarray.</p> <p>The JC examined several options and put forward proposals, but, sadly, the 2020 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final in Barcelona (ESP) had to be cancelled.</p>

	<p>1.5 FEI Invitation System and Longines FEI Rankings</p> <p>The pandemic has also had a considerable effect on the FEI Invitation System, especially at the CSI2* level. In order to facilitate the management of entries for the Organisers, the FEI Invitation System for CSI2* events has been temporarily suspended.</p> <p>This suspension gave Organizers the flexibility to make late changes or additions to the FEI Calendar, thereby kick-starting the sport as soon as national governing bodies' restrictions made this possible.</p> <p>The JC and the Jumping Department, in close cooperation with the FEI IT Department, are monitoring the situation to ensure that this flexibility does not result in any unforeseen adverse side-effects.</p> <p>The extensive cancellation and/or postponement of many Jumping events around the world led to the introduction on 01 April 2020 of a mitigation policy regarding the Longines FEI Rankings.</p>
	<p>1.6 FEI Jumping Officials</p> <p>1.6.1 Appointment of Officials</p> <p>In accordance with confirmed dates and venues, the JC appointed the Officials for most of the 2021 and 2022 Championships, Games and Finals.</p> <p>1.6.2 Increase of the quality level of Officials</p> <p>A Pilot Course for FEI Top Jumping Officials, reserved for FEI Jumping Course Directors, was held in Lausanne in October 2019.</p> <p>Following its success, the first, online, phase of a second course open not only to Course Directors but also to Judges, Stewards and Course Designers, was launched in March 2020. Unfortunately, the second, in-person, phase had to be postponed to 2021 because of the pandemic.</p> <p>The JC is optimistic that this new evaluation and education project for FEI Top Jumping Officials will significantly enhance their quality level.</p> <p>1.6.3 Education System for Jumping Officials</p> <p>The Education System for Jumping Officials has been revised. It has been decided to introduce a fourth level for FEI Jumping Stewards, and to develop and to introduce promotion courses to both Level 3 and to Level 4 Jumping Steward.</p>
	<p>1.7 Outgoing Members and Elections</p> <p>On completion of his four-year term after the 2020 FEI GA, Kazuya Hirayama (JPN) will leave the JC and will be replaced by a candidate TBC by the FEI Board.</p>
	<p>1.8 Miscellaneous</p> <p>The Committee made recommendations on important aspects of the sport, such as stewarding items and rules for FEI-approved series.</p>

2. DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD

- Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Rules 2021
- Longines Global Champions Tour Rules 2021
- Global Champions League Rules 2021
- [Longines Rankings Rules for 2021](#)